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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Moutsatos I. et al.
SERIAL NO.: 09/148,234 EXAMINER: Riggins, Patrick, R.
FILED: September 4, 1998 ART UNIT: 1636
FOR: GENETICALLY ENGINEERED CELLS, WHICH EXPRESS
BONE MORPHOGENIC PROTEINS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the April 04, 2006 Office Action was due July 04, 2006. Applicants filed a notice of appeal on October 4, 2006, a Petition requesting a Three Month Extension of Time, and the required fee, therefore a response was due December 04, 2006. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition requesting a One Month Extension of Time, and the required fee, therefore a response is now due January 04, 2007. Accordingly, this Response is being timely filed.

Kindly amend the specification as follows: